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SUBJ: CONFLICT BETWEEN FOOTWEAR OMA AND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE AND TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES FROM MR L.M. LEMPKE OF ELLIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC., NEW YORK CITY (TEL 212-695-5314), CONCERNING A SHIPMENT OF 4,020 DOZEN HAND CROCHETED SLIPPERS FROM KOREA. ELLIOTT HAS BEEN IMPORTING APPROXIMATELY 50,000DOZEN PER YEAR UNDER A NON-QUOTA TEXTILE EXPORT VISA ISSUED BY THE ROKG.

2 LAST SHIPMENT HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED BY US CUSTOMS AS "FOOTWEAR" (TSUSA 700.800, HOWEVER, ROKG HAS CONSIDERED THE PRODUCT TO BE TEXTILES AND IS REFUSING FOOTWEAR VISA FOR THE ITEM IN QUESTION.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH DR KIM CHUL SOO, CHIEF, EXPORT DIVISION I, MCI, EMBOFF LEARNED THAT ROKG CONSIDERS THE CATCHING OF THE ITEM UNDER FOOTWEAR TO BE IN ERROR AND WISHES TO
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NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM FACED BY ELLIOTT INTERNATIONAL AND OTHERS.

4. KIM BELIEVES THE PROBLEM HAS ARISEN NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF CLASSIFICATION DIFFERENCES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE NEITHER GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE ITEM INVOLVED BEING CAUGHT IN A FOOTWEAR CATEGORY WHEN THE OMA WAS BEING NEGOTIATED.

5. AMBASSADOR HAS ADVISED MR LEMPKE TO CONTACT STR TO PROVIDE
FULL EXPLANATION OF THE ISSUE. KOREAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS
THAT ITEM HENCEFORTH BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE "SOCKS" CATE-
GORY UNDER THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT. PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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